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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This paper is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed June 3, 2010 in the referenced application ("Office Action;" "OA") and is the required submission for Applicants' concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Accordingly, entry and consideration of this paper is now respectfully requested.

A Notice of Appeal was timely filed on December 3, 2010, thereby setting an initial due date for the filing of an Appeal Brief of February 3, 2011. Applicants concurrently petition for a five-month extension of time, for a small entity, thereby extending the time in which an Appeal Brief or RCE reopening prosecution can be filed up to and including July 5, 2011 (since July 3 is a Sunday and Monday July 4 is a national holiday).

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